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THE FINAL SHOWDOWN

Shadow the Hedgehog was developed by Prof. Gerald Robotnik fifty years ago. Built to be the "ultimate life-form," Shadow was made possible thanks to the DNA of the evil space alien, Black Doom. Black Doom wanted Shadow to be his chief agent in conquering the world. Prof. Gerald hoped Shadow would save it instead.

Fast forward fifty years. Black Doom and his Black Arms aliens attacked the planet. Ultimately, Shadow fought against the invaders, destroyed Black Doom, and nearly wiped out the Black Arms. Deep in space, the last colony of Black Arms – led by Black Death – began plotting their revenge.

Now the final showdown is upon us. Black Death and Shadow battle to the bitter end in the heart of the New Black Comet. Meanwhile, Omega and Rouge race to find the nuclear warhead they brought to blow up the alien menace before it's used by the enemy...

HEY KIDS! REMEMBER TO CONTINUE READING TO THE LAST PAGE IN THIS COMIC TO SEE THE SPECIAL "AFTER THE CREDITS" ENDING!

WHO'S WHO

SHADOW THE HEDGEHOG
THE ULTIMATE LIFE-FORM

ROUGE THE BAT
SUPER SPY

E-123 OMEGA
ROGUE BADNIK

ECLIPSE THE DARKLING
EVIL ALIEN

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BLACK DEATH ALIEN LEADER
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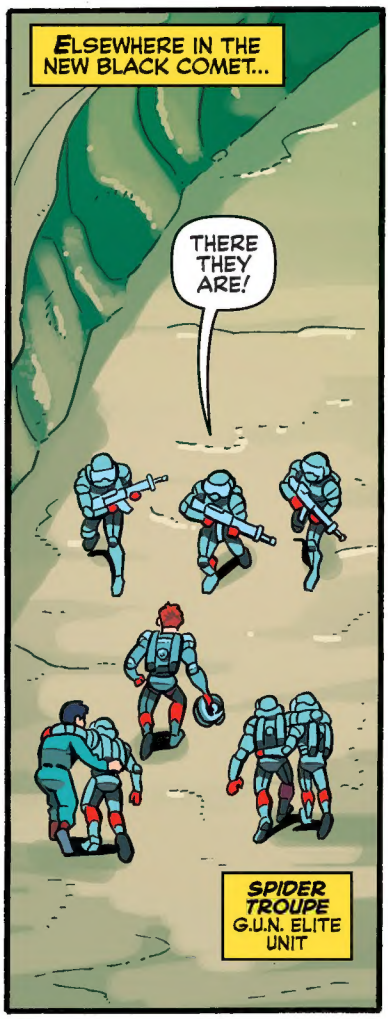
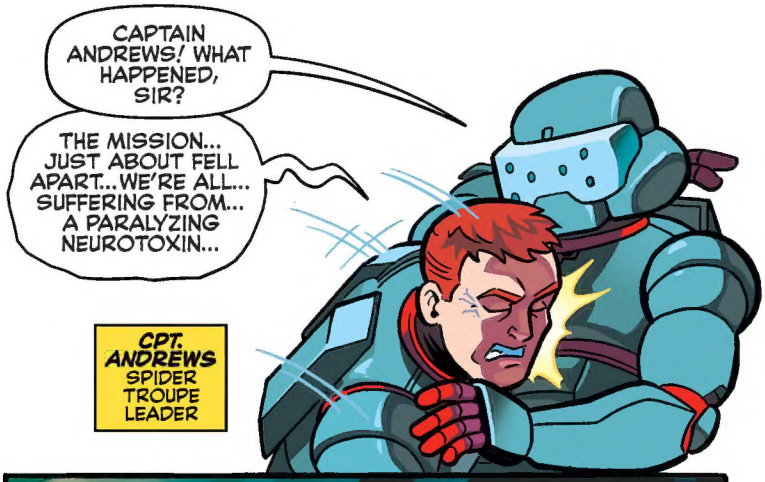
TRAITOR! BLACK DOOM GAVE YOU LIFE!
THE PROFESSOR GAVE ME LIFE.* YOUR MASTER ONLY PROVIDED HIS GENES.
*SEE THE RECAP PAGE FOR THE FULL SCOOP!
YOU WERE GERALD'S EXPERIMENT!
YOU ARE OUR BROTHER!
YOU OWE NOTHING TO THE HUMANS!
AND I OWE NOTHING TO YOU.
I'VE MADE MY CHOICE. MAKE YOUR PEACE BEFORE THE END.
YOU CAN'T KILL ME! YOU CAN'T BLOW UP OUR COMET! YOU'LL BE DOOMING OUR RACE TO EXTINCTION!!
FWO-BOOM

WHAT GIVES YOU THE RIGHT TO PASS JUDGMENT OVER THE BLACK ARMS?!
TWICE?!
BLAM
YOU STRIVE TO PROTECT A THOUSAND RAVENOUS, MINDLESS MONSTERS AND CALL YOURSELF RIGHTEOUS.
BECAUSE YOUR IDEA OF "SURVIVAL" IS THE DESTRUCTION OF EVERYONE ELSE.
BECAUSE YOU SEE EVERYONE AND EVERYTHING ELSE AS FUEL, AS FOOD, AS FODDER.
BOOM
I SWORE TO MARIA I WOULD PROTECT THE BILLIONS OF INDIVIDUALS ON THE PLANET BELOW.
THE PEOPLE SHE LOVED UNCONDITIONALLY.
PREPARE FOR YOUR END!

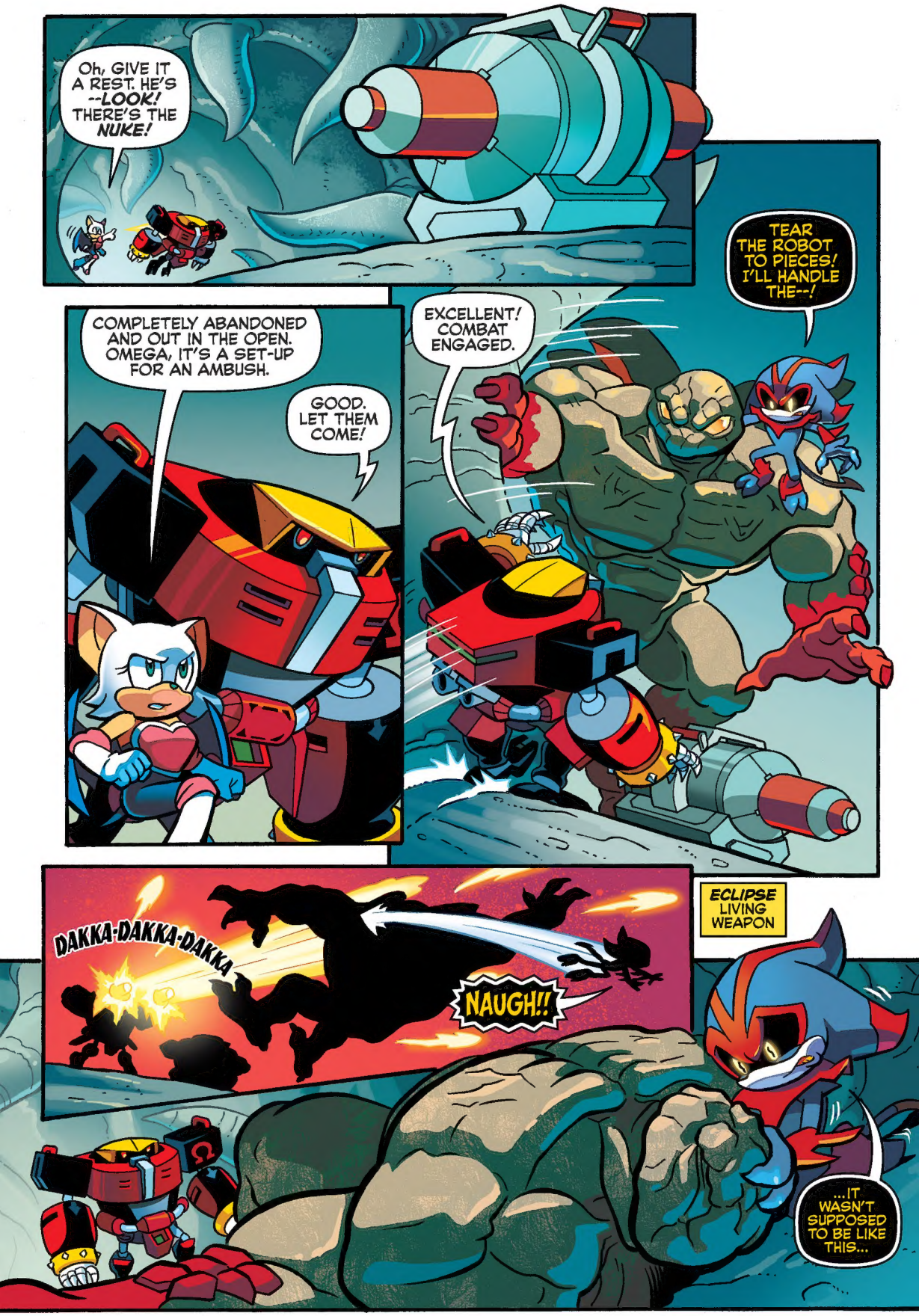

ELSEWHERE IN THE NEW BLACK COMET...
THERE THEY ARE!
SPIDER TROUPE
G.U.N. ELITE UNIT

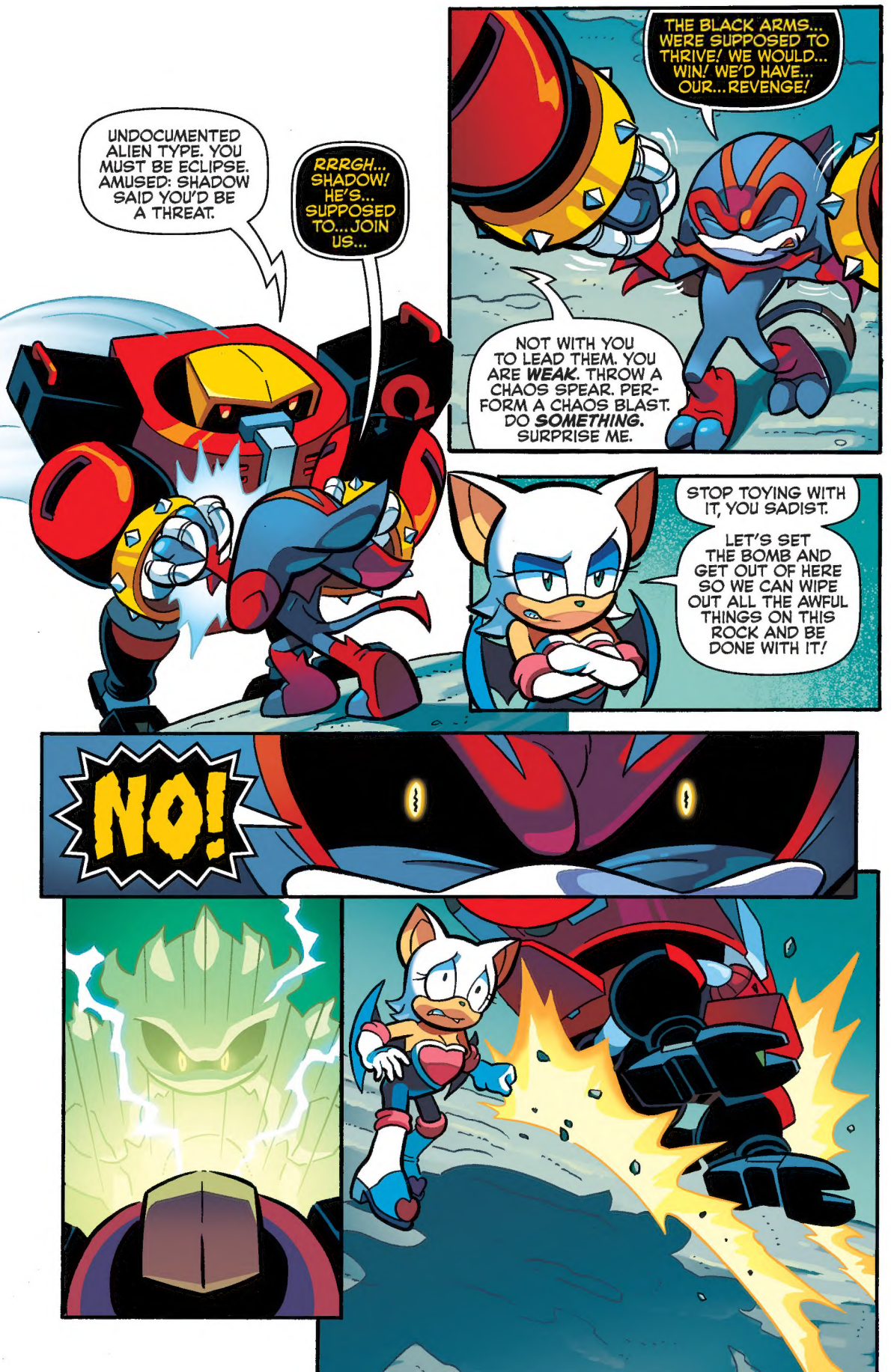

CAPTAIN ANDREWS! WHAT HAPPENED, SIR?
THE MISSION... JUST ABOUT FELL APART...WE'RE ALL... SUFFERING FROM... A PARALYZING NEUROTOXIN...
CPT. ANDREWS
SPIDER TROUPE LEADER

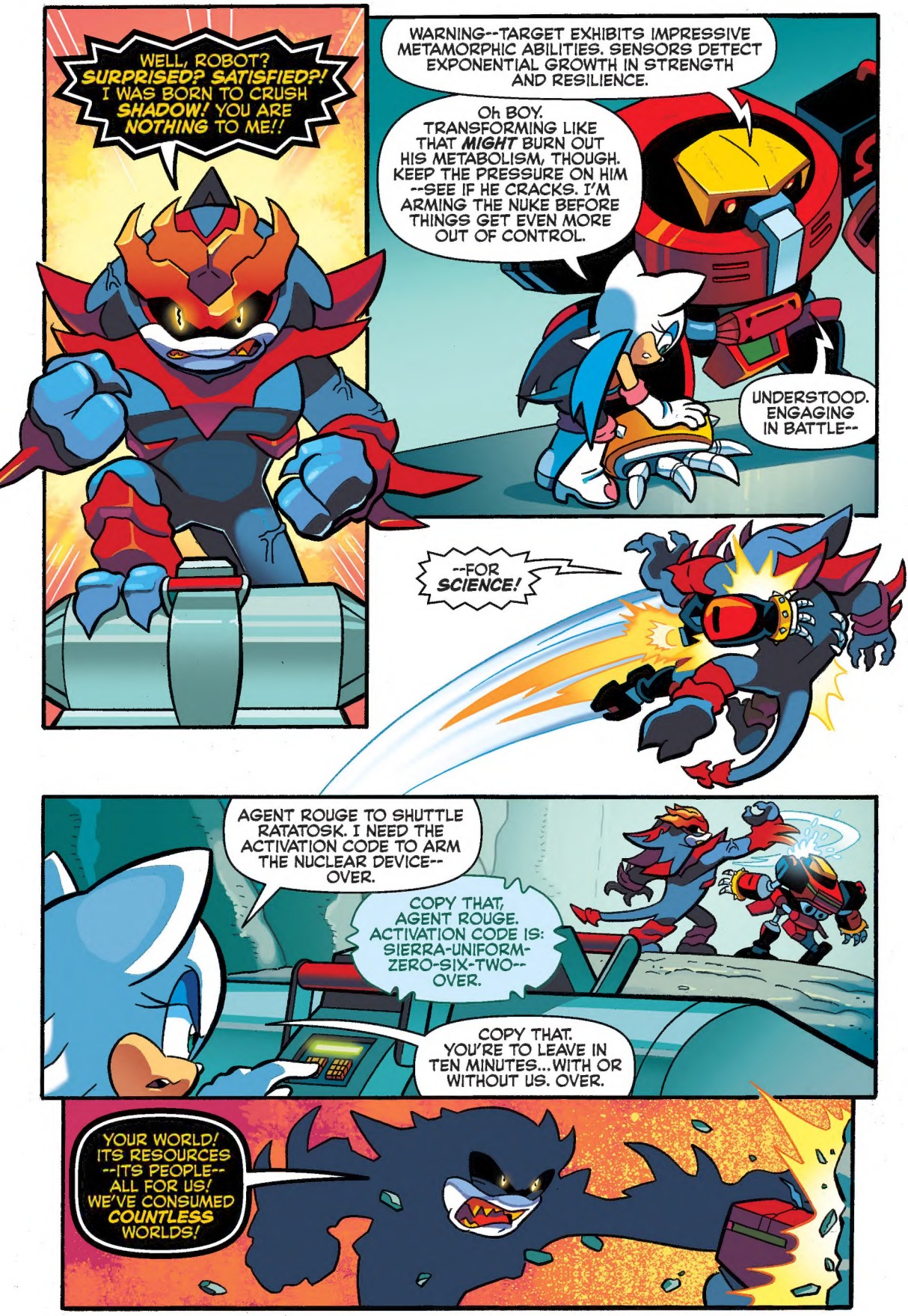
WHERE ARE THE ALIENS? WHY AREN'T THEY HUNTING YOU DOWN?
SHADOW... DREW THEIR ATTENTION... ATTACKED THEIR LEADER...

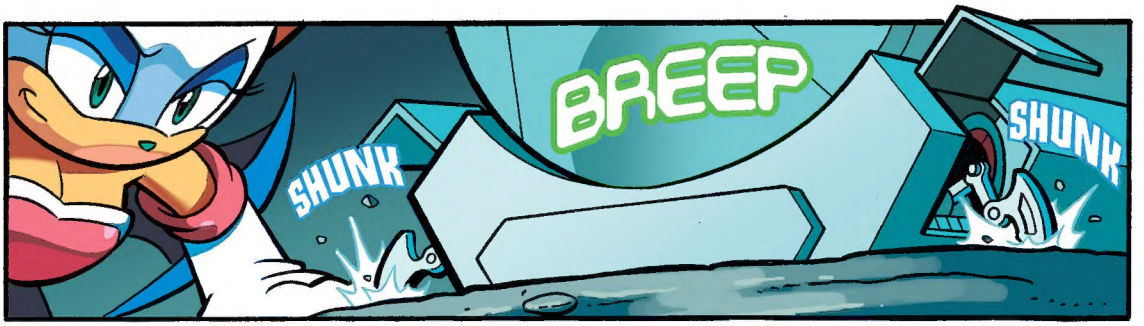
WHAT ABOUT THE BOMB? DID YOU GET IT INTO POSITION?
N-NO...IT WAS TAKEN...BUT THE REST... OF TEAM DARK...IS HANDLING IT...GET US BACK TO THE SHUTTLE...

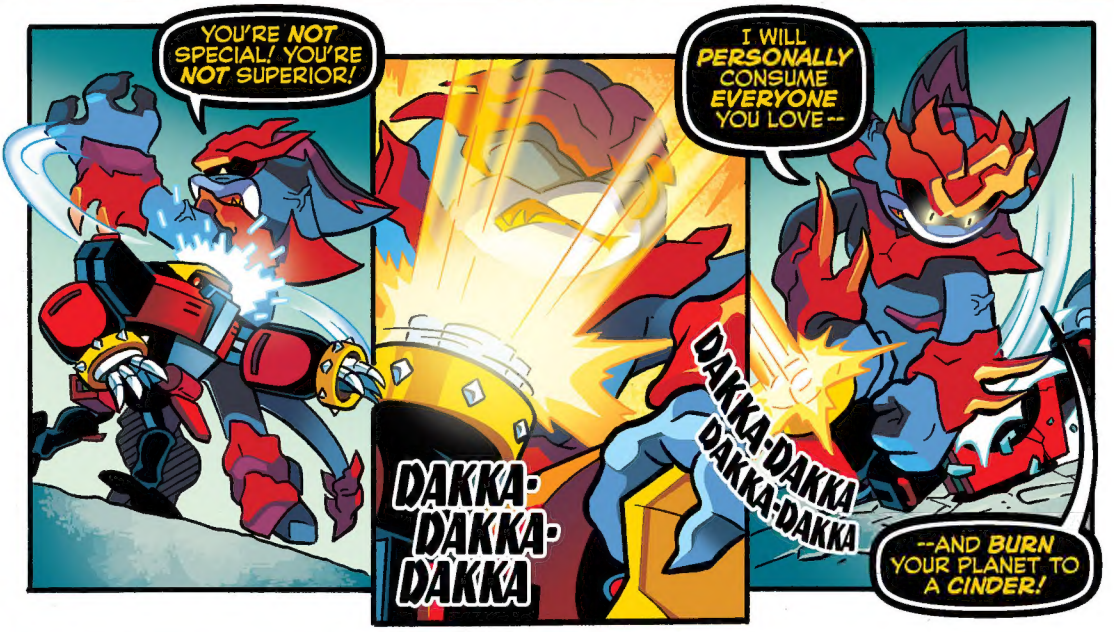
"WE'VE GOT... TO READY... THE ESCAPE..."
SHADOW? DO YOU COPY? ...HE'S NOT SENDING US DIRECTIONS ANYMORE.
THEN HE MUST HAVE ENGAGED THE BLACK ARMS' LEADER IN BATTLE. SOME BEINGS HAVE ALL THE LUCK.
ROUGE
TEAM DARK SPY
OMEGA
TEAM DARK ARSENAL


Oh, GIVE IT A REST. HE'S --LOOK! THERE'S THE NUKE!
COMPLETELY ABANDONED AND OUT IN THE OPEN. OMEGA, IT'S A SET-UP FOR AN AMBUSH.
GOOD. LET THEM COME!
EXCELLENT! COMBAT ENGAGED.
TEAR THE ROBOT TO PIECES! I'LL HANDLE THE--!
DAKKA-DAKKA-DAKKA
NAUGH!!
ECLIPSE LIVING WEAPON
...IT WASN'T SUPPOSED TO BE LIKE THIS...

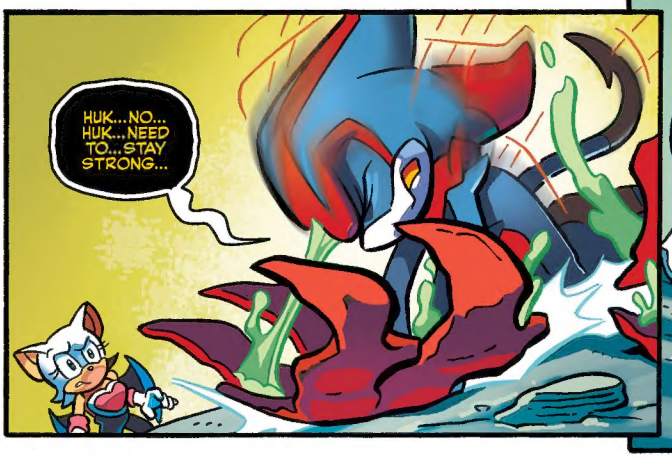

UNDOCUMENTED ALIEN TYPE. YOU MUST BE ECLIPSE. AMUSED: SHADOW SAID YOU'D BE A THREAT.
RRRGH... SHADOW! HE'S... SUPPOSED TO... JOIN US...
THE BLACK ARMS... WERE SUPPOSED TO THRIVE! WE WOULD... WIN! WE'D HAVE... OUR... REVENGE!
NOT WITH YOU TO LEAD THEM. YOU ARE WEAK. THROW A CHAOS SPEAR. PERFORM A CHAOS BLAST. DO SOMETHING. SURPRISE ME.
STOP TOYING WITH IT, YOU SADIST.
LET'S SET THE BOMB AND GET OUT OF HERE SO WE CAN WIPE OUT ALL THE AWFUL THINGS ON THIS ROCK AND BE DONE WITH IT!
NO!


WELL, ROBOT? SURPRISED? SATISFIED?! I WAS BORN TO CRUSH SHADOW! YOU ARE NOTHING TO ME!!
WARNING--TARGET EXHIBITS IMPRESSIVE METAMORPHIC ABILITIES. SENSORS DETECT EXPONENTIAL GROWTH IN STRENGTH AND RESILIENCE.
Oh BOY. TRANSFORMING LIKE THAT MIGHT BURN OUT HIS METABOLISM, THOUGH. KEEP THE PRESSURE ON HIM --SEE IF HE CRACKS. I'M ARMING THE NUKE BEFORE THINGS GET EVEN MORE OUT OF CONTROL.
UNDERSTOOD. ENGAGING IN BATTLE--
--FOR SCIENCE!
AGENT ROUGE TO SHUTTLE RATATOSK. I NEED THE ACTIVATION CODE TO ARM THE NUCLEAR DEVICE-- OVER.
COPY THAT, AGENT ROUGE. ACTIVATION CODE IS: SIERRA-UNIFORM-ZERO-SIX-TWO-- OVER.
COPY THAT. YOU'RE TO LEAVE IN TEN MINUTES...WITH OR WITHOUT US. OVER.
YOUR WORLD! ITS RESOURCES --ITS PEOPLE-- ALL FOR US! WE'VE CONSUMED COUNTLESS WORLDS!


SHUNK
BREEP
SHUNK


YOU'RE NOT SPECIAL! YOU'RE NOT SUPERIOR!
DAKKA-DAKKA-DAKKA
I WILL PERSONALLY CONSUME EVERYONE YOU LOVE--
DAKKA-DAKKA DAKKA-DAKKA
--AND BURN YOUR PLANET TO A CINDER!

I'LL... WE'LL... URGH...

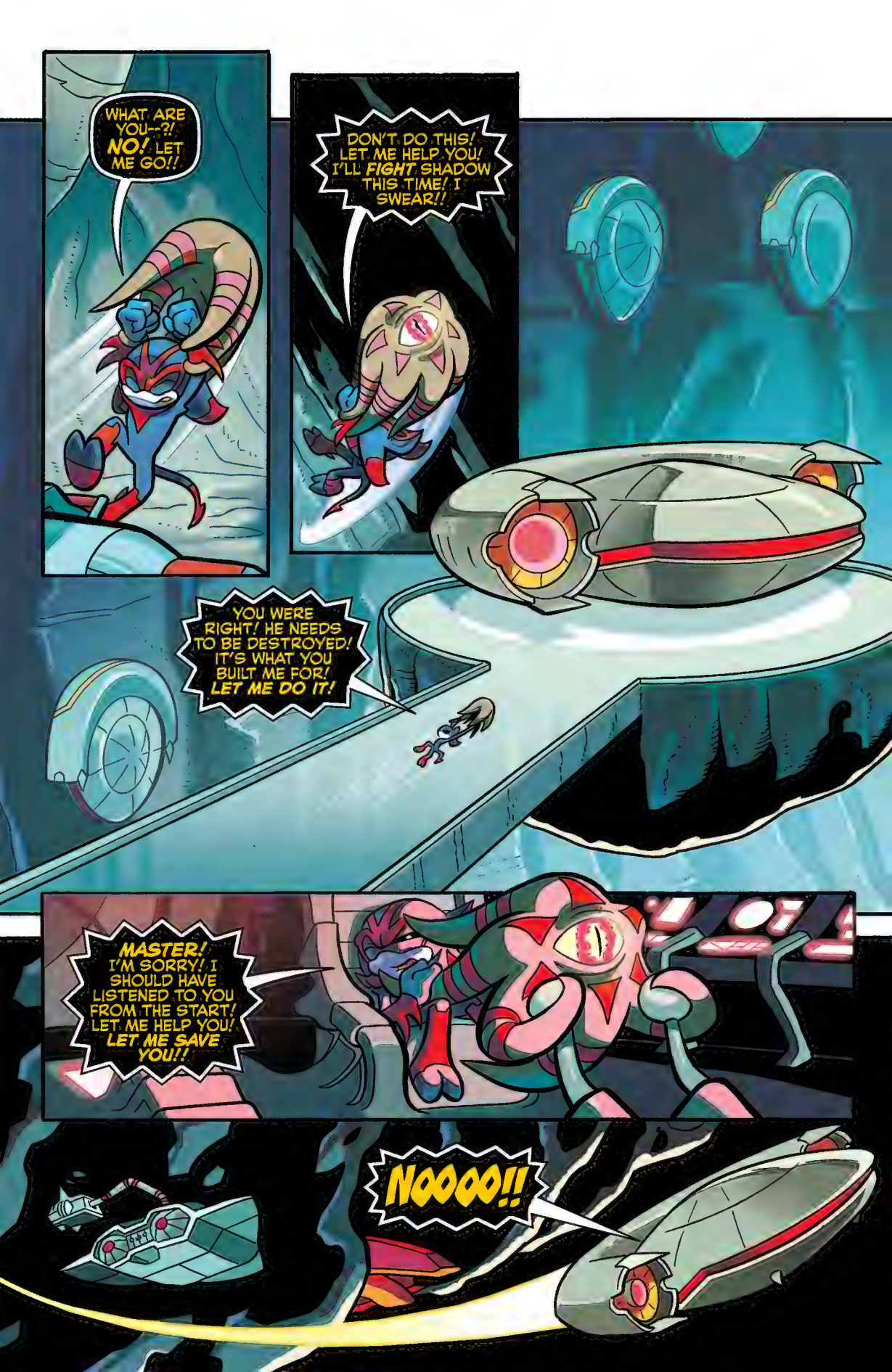

HUK...NO... HUK...NEED TO...STAY STRONG...

CALLED IT! I GUESS HE CAN'T MAINTAIN THAT FORM FOR LONG, ESPECIALLY UNDER HEAVY COMBAT.
I CAN STILL SHRK TAKE HIM...
NO TIME, BIG GUY. WE'VE GOT TO MOVE. THE BOMB WILL TAKE CARE OF EVERYTHING HERE, ANYWAY.

BLACK DEATH'S CHAMBER
AUGH!
KRASH
SHADOW! THE BOMB IS ARMED! WE'VE GOT NINE MINUTES TO GET TO THE SHUTTLE!
I'M NOT DONE HERE, ROUGE!
MASTER...
TH-THEY'VE ARMED THE BOMB. I CAN'T...I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH IT...

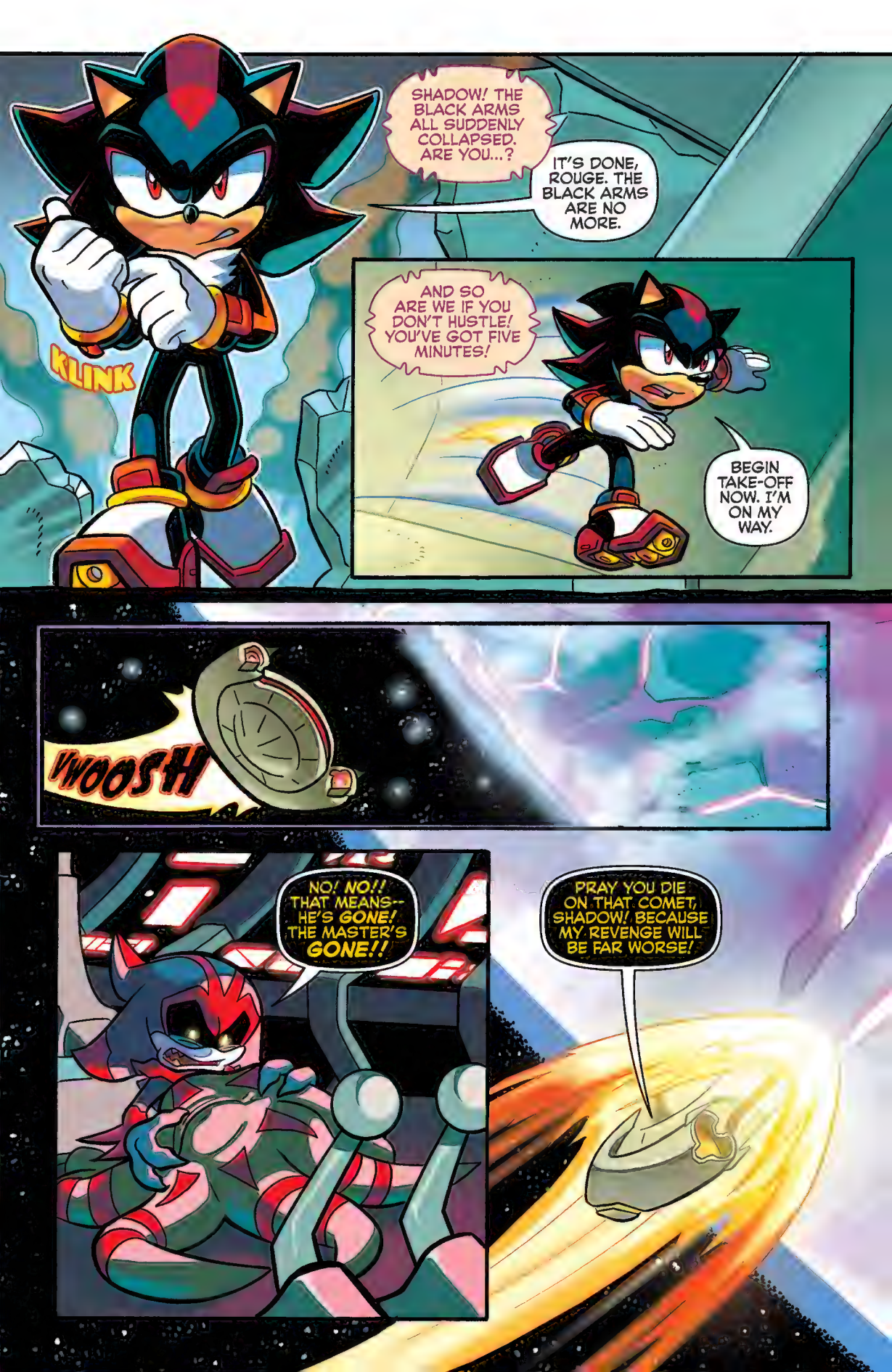
Oh, YOU'RE DONE ALRIGHT, SHADOW! MOVE IT! THE BOMB--
COULD STILL BE DISRUPTED BY THE BLACK ARMS THROUGHOUT THE COMET! WHEN BLACK DEATH GOES DOWN, SO WILL THE HIVE-MIND! I'M BUYING TIME FOR YOU AND OMEGA.
I'M NOT LEAVING YOU BEHIND AGAIN!
NO. YOU WENT OUT OF YOUR WAY TO SAVE ME. NOW I AM RETURNING THE FAVOR.
WHAT IS IT WITH YOU AND YOUR MARTYR COMPLEX?!
EVERY SECOND SPENT ARGUING IS DELAYING ME. I'LL MAKE IT, ROUGE. I PROMISE.
...YOU AND YOUR PROMISES. EIGHT MINUTES, YOU ULTIMATE-PAIN-IN-THE-BUTT.
UNDERSTOOD.

THE DARK ARMS LARVAE HAVE BEEN LOADED ONTO THE SHUTTLE. THE SHUTTLE IS READY FOR LAUNCH. WELL DONE, MY MINIONS. THE NEXT GENERATION WILL SURVIVE US.
ECLIPSE--YOU ARE NOT BOUND TO THE HIVE-MIND. YOU MUST ESCAPE AND TEND TO THE DARK ARMS.
NNGH! NO! WE CAN STILL WIN THIS! I JUST NEED TO--RRGH!--DISARM THIS STUPID, STUPID BOMB!
DEFIANT 'TIL THE END. BOTHERSOME CHILD.
BLACK ARMS--DELAY THE INVADERS AS BEST YOU CAN. IF WE ARE TO DIE, WE WILL TAKE THEM WITH US. I WILL BATTTLE SHADOW UNTIL MY LAST BREATH.
DEATH'S EYE--ATTEND TO ECLIPSE.


WHAT ARE YOU--?! NO! LET ME GO!!
DON'T DO THIS! LET ME HELP YOU! I'LL FIGHT SHADOW THIS TIME! I SWEAR!!
YOU WERE RIGHT! HE NEEDS TO BE DESTROYED! IT'S WHAT YOU BUILT ME FOR! LET ME DO IT!
MASTER! I'M SORRY! I SHOULD HAVE LISTENED TO YOU FROM THE START! LET ME HELP YOU! LET ME SAVE YOU!!
NOOOO!!

THERE. I HAVE MADE MY PEACE.
GOOD. NOW--WE END THIS.
AND ONCE YOU'VE SLAIN ME, THE CREWLESS BLACK COMET WILL FALL ONTO YOUR WORLD, FINISHING OFF THE SHATTERED MESS!
THAT'S WHAT THE BOMB IS FOR, FOOL. THE COMET WILL NEVER TOUCH THE PLANET.
I WILL NOT DIE AS BLACK DOOM DID!!
RRGH... YOU'RE RIGHT. I NEEDED MY SUPER-STATE TO HANDLE HIM. YOU, ON THE OTHER HAND...

CHAOS BLAST!!
SHA-BOOM
THUMP


SHADOW! THE BLACK ARMS ALL SUDDENLY COLLAPSED. ARE YOU...?
IT'S DONE, ROUGE. THE BLACK ARMS ARE NO MORE.
KLINK
AND SO ARE WE IF YOU DON'T HUSTLE! YOU'VE GOT FIVE MINUTES!
BEGIN TAKE-OFF NOW. I'M ON MY WAY.
VWOOSH
NO! NO!! THAT MEANS-- HE'S GONE! THE MASTER'S GONE!!
PRAY YOU DIE ON THAT COMET, SHADOW! BECAUSE MY REVENGE WILL BE FAR WORSE!

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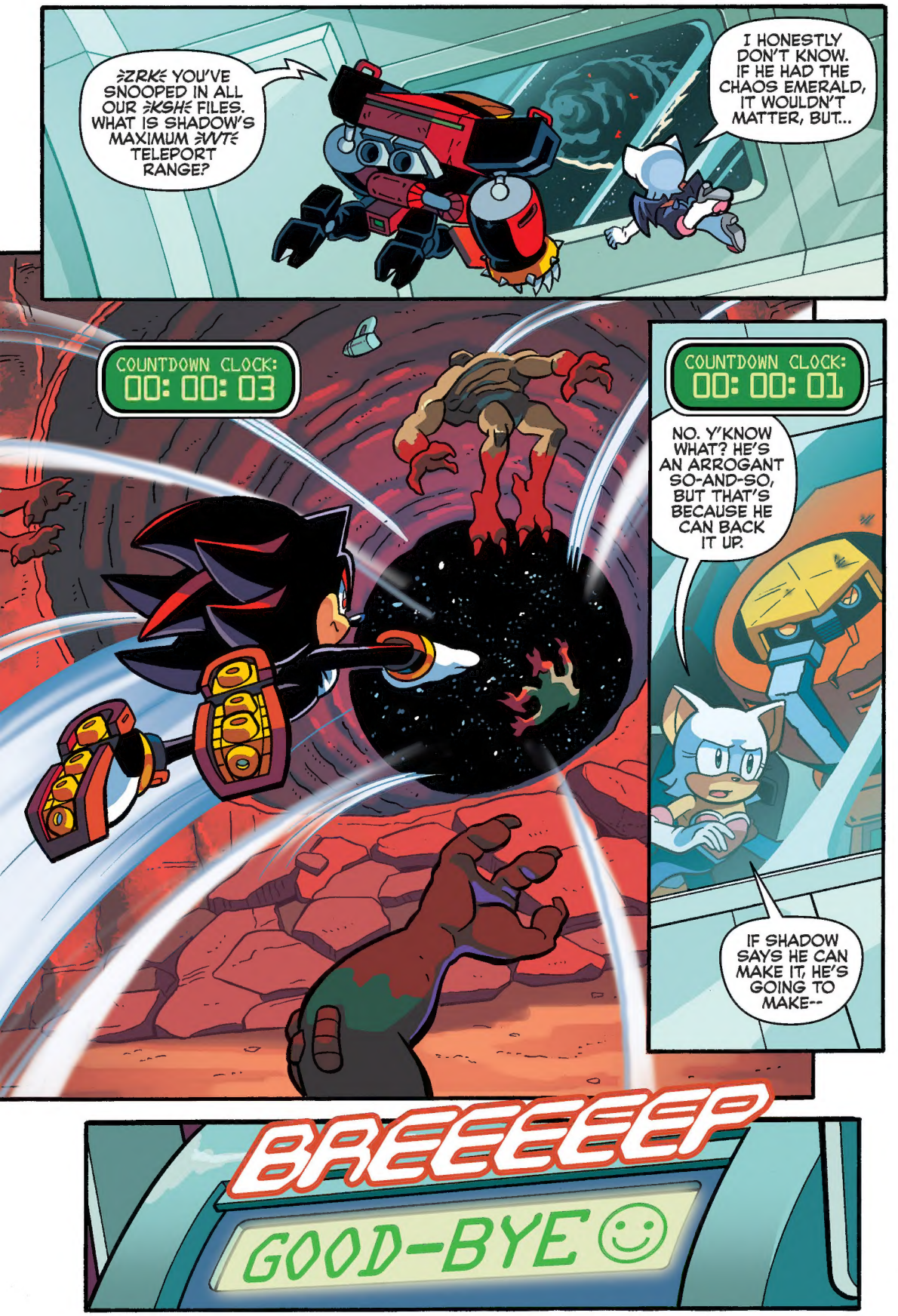
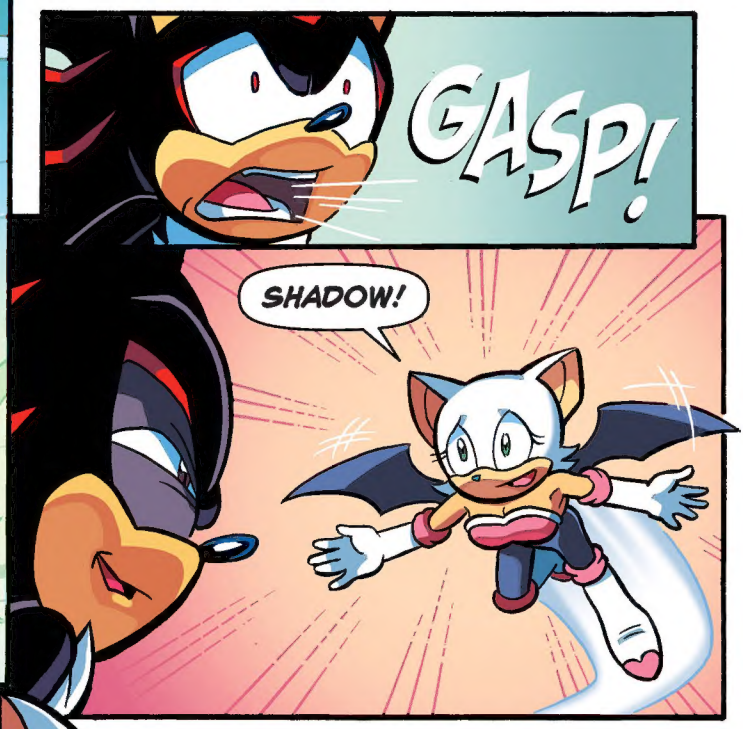
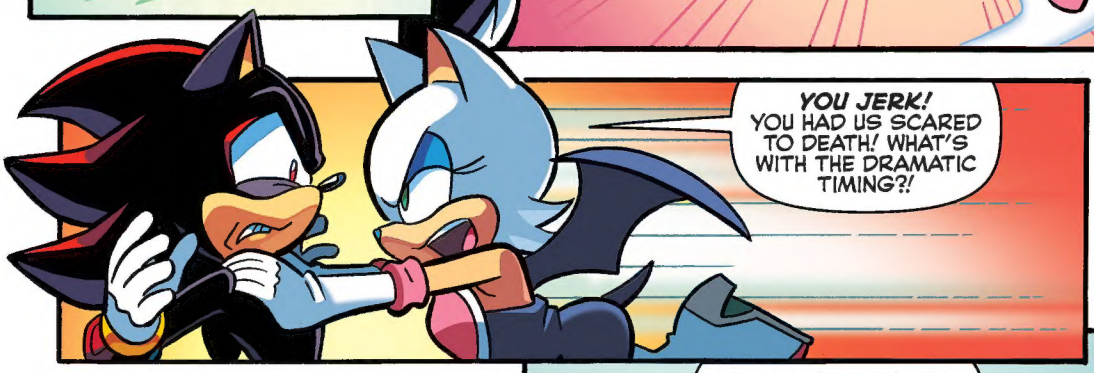
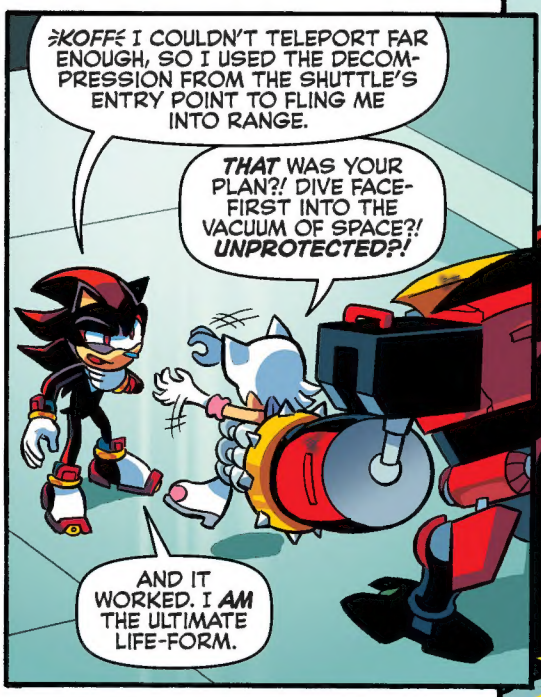

ZRK YOU'VE SNOOPED IN ALL OUR KSH FILES. WHAT IS SHADOW'S MAXIMUM WT TELEPORT RANGE?
I HONESTLY DON'T KNOW. IF HE HAD THE CHAOS EMERALD, IT WOULDN'T MATTER, BUT...
COUNTDOWN CLOCK: 00: 00: 03
COUNTDOWN CLOCK: 00: 00: 01
NO. Y'KNOW WHAT? HE'S AN ARROGANT SO-AND-SO, BUT THAT'S BECAUSE HE CAN BACK IT UP.
IF SHADOW SAYS HE CAN MAKE IT, HE'S GOING TO MAKE--
BREEEEEP
GOOD-BYE

MY EMP* SHIELDING MUST BE FAULTY ≻KZK≺ AND MY OPTIC'S OFFLINE. ≻ZRT≺ I DO NOT SEE SHADOW.
*ELECTRO-MAGNETIC PULSE
HE...HE DIDN'T...

FWASH


GASP!
SHADOW!


YOU JERK! YOU HAD US SCARED TO DEATH! WHAT'S WITH THE DRAMATIC TIMING?!


≥KOFF≤ I COULDN'T TELEPORT FAR ENOUGH, SO I USED THE DECOMPRESSION FROM THE SHUTTLE'S ENTRY POINT TO FLING ME INTO RANGE.
THAT WAS YOUR PLAN?! DIVE FACE-FIRST INTO THE VACUUM OF SPACE?! UNPROTECTED?!
AND IT WORKED. I AM THE ULTIMATE LIFE-FORM.

Oh, FOR THE LOVE OF... ≥SIGH≤ AT LEAST IT'S OVER NOW.
NO. HE'S STILL OUT THERE.
NOT THE END!
TURN TO THE FINAL PAGE IN THIS COMIC TO SEE THE "AFTER THE CREDITS" ENDING!

LATER--THE SKY RAIL ZONE

Hmm...THE ENERGY I'M SENSING IS FAINT, BUT IT SEEMS TO BE IN THAT GENERAL DIRECTION...

I NEED TO HURRY THIS UP. I HATE LEAVING THE ISLAND, EVEN IF I'VE GOT ***HER*** LOOKING AFTER...WHAT'S THAT? A SHOOTING STAR?

"IT ***BETTER NOT*** LAND ON MY ISLAND. I'VE GOT ENOUGH TO DEAL WITH AS IT IS."

THE THREAT OF THE BLACK ARMS IS BEHIND US--BUT ***ECLIPSE*** IS NOT! COME BACK NEXT TIME AS ***KNUCKLES*** GETS WRAPPED UP IN--

THE GREAT CHAOS CAPER!

UNTIL THEN, DON'T MISS OUT ON SONIC THE HEDGEHOG, SONIC SUPER SPECIAL MAGAZINE, SONIC SUPER DIGEST and the GRAPHIC NOVEL LIBRARY!